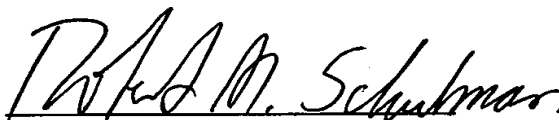


correcting an inadvertent error made with respect to Claim 1. In particular, Claim 1 had been amended during the international examination to include, at the end, the phrase "and in this case comprising at least one layer comprising at least one polyolefin." However, in the Preliminary Amendment filed July 31, 2000, applicants had inadvertently deleted this last phrase. Accordingly, the present Supplemental Preliminary Amendment merely re-adds the recitation that at least one layer comprising at least one polyolefin is required in the assembly.

In the event that the Examiner has any questions relating to this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

In view of the foregoing, prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

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